

FSU Gymnasts, Gymkana, Tallahassee Tumbling Tots, and Friends New-Newsletter

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A lifetime of bragging rights

“Once teammates, always teammates” by Charlie Christian.

Visit your Web-Sites <fsugymnastics.org><tallahassee tumblingtots.org> Mike Mann, Webmaster
(Which also includes all back copies of the FSU Gymnastics Newsletters)
FSU Gymnastics Records (<http://www.nolefan.org/summary/index.html>) Robert Perrone, Webmaster

ANNIVERSARIES

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| Chick & Jennie Cicio | 62 years, 62 in April, 13 | Bill & Carol Beavers | 43 years, 44 in July, 12 |
| Don & Connie Holder | 61 years, 62 in August 12 | Dick & Susie Gutting | 44 years, 45 in June, 12 |
| Benny & Carolyn Wallace | 59 years, 60 in May 12 | Steven & Adriane Zindell | 42 years, 43 in August 12 |
| Ed & Jean Fernald | 59 years, 60 in June 12 | Wayne & Heather Thompson | 41 years, 42 in January 12 |
| Don & Patsy Rapp | 57 years, 58 in May 12 | Derek & Nancy Lawler | 39 years, 40 in 2012 |
| Carmine & Dancien Regna | 57 years, 58 in August 12 | Gail & Bill Whitney | 39 years, 40 in August 12 |
| Jim & Marlene Jackson | 56 years, 57 in July, 12 | Harmer & Magdalena Weichel | 39 years, 40 in December 12 |
| Sam & Topsy Bailie | 55 years, 56 in June 12 | Andy Anderson & Curtiss Long | 37 years, 38 in December 12 |
| Roger & Tamara Tucker Webb | 54 years, 55 in November 12 | Joe & Dottie Taylor | 35 years, 36 in September 12 |
| Beverley & Bill Beaton | 51 years, 52 in Sept. 12 | Jimmy & Janie Hanks | 34 years, 35 in November 12 |
| Yoshi & Haruyo Hatano | 47 years, 48 in Oct. 12 | Thom & Linda O'Conner | 32 Years, 33 in May 12 |
| Nancy Lamb & Bob Durocher | 47 years, 48 in Dec. 12 | Carrie Englert & Curtis Zimmermann | 33 Years, 34 in 2012 |
| Terri & Cheri Morris | 46 years, 46 in 2012 | | |
| Jay (& Ellie) Schwarzman | Were married 50 years | Karsthin (& Lennart) Malmlin | Were married 47 years |
| Almira (& Jack) Sharp | Were married 48 years | Claire Essig (& Dick) Traynor | Were married 43 years |
| Jon & Boots Culbertson | Were married 53 years | (Benny) & Carolyn Wallace | Were married 59 years, |

Plan to attend the 2012 reunion (Part or all)

Friday May 18, Saturday May 19 and Sunday May 20, 2012

At Barbara Withers' Alligator Point Beach Home

Travel Plans & Details can be found on Mike Mann's website: www.fsugymnastics.org

Committed attendees to the coming reunion to date:

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| Barbara Withers | Dick Gutting | Mike Mann |
| Beverley Beaton | Don Holder | Rick Miller |
| Bill & Carol Beavers | Jack Miles | Don & Patsy Rapp |
| Bob Perrone | Jim & Arlene Fadigan | Joe Regna (Possibly) |
| Carmine Regna | Joe Greene | Bill & BJ Roetzheim (Possibly) |
| Chick Cicio | Joe Gusic | Vince Tracey |
| Claire Traynor | Jon Culbertson | |

Bill & Carol Beavers 57-61/69-70 Gymnastic Commemorative

Goal change, planned reunion activities.... It has become necessary to change our original commemorative goal of a

statue on legacy walk to a pair of stained glass windows at the Heritage Protocol Museum. The primary reason for this was funding. After several years' effort we have only been able to raise a minute portion of the funds required for a statue, but we have almost enough to fund two stained glass windows. For more details on this change and for photos of the museum and other commemorative windows please go to our web site (<http://fsugymnastics.org/Stained%20Glass%20Windows/Heritage%20Museum.html>)

We have an artist, Chris Horne, assigned to us by FSU's Master Craftsman studio who will be primarily responsible for our windows. Edward Jonas will assist in the design suggestions. Chris plans to have preliminary idea sketches for the two windows available by the time of the reunion so that they can be reviewed by the attendees. We are also planning a possible bus/van tour to the FSU campus for reunion attendees to see the beautiful Heritage Protocol museum where the windows will eventually be on display. Mike & Bill

Bill & Carol Beavers 57-61/69-70 Commemorative Project

Fund Raising for Commemorative Project is Near Goal!

Thanks to the following; we are not far from our goal to fund our Commemorative Gymnastics/ Gymkana project to be displayed in beautifully renovated Dodd Hall.

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| Barbara S. Withers, CPA | Mr. Carmine L. Regna | Ms. Claire E. Traynor | Mrs. Beverley Cude Beaton |
| Bill and Carol Beavers | Mr. Jack M. Miles | Ms. Martha L Raby | Dr. Edward A. Fernald |
| Donald W. Rapp, Ph.D | Mr. Robert G. Perrone, Jr | Rapport Unlimited | Dick Gutting |
| Dr. Miroslav Ceska | Ms. Calista R. Force | Mike Mann | Don & Connie Holder |

It is my understanding there will eventually be a contributors' plaque in Dodd Hall, so if you want to be recognized with the above supporters and be part of this worthy project, please send your contribution to:

Tessa R. Smith
Director of Development
Florida State University Foundation
2010 Levy Avenue., Bldg B, Ste. 300
Tallahassee, Florida 32306-2739

Payment by check to: FSU Foundation; Commemorative Gymnastics Fund F7249

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | **57-67** | **Commemorative**

We have about a half dozen people doing all the work, it is about time some others chipped it.

It is only money, only the effort to write a check is required. Nothing like the effort required to put out a newsletter or put up a web site or to try to organize, do mailings and what have you, to try and shake a few dollars from folks for the project. Barbara, Bill and I paid, out of our own pockets, for the brochure mailing with a net result of zero, if I am not mistaken. Come on, someone else step up to the plate....Mike

Just had a thought about any tour of Dodd Hall. I'm sure it is only open M-F, so if there was interest in a tour it would probably have to be on Friday. {Bill, Mike, and Barbara have done extensive study into the tour including the group traveling by bus or van to view existing Stained Glass windows and will present their findings at Reunion.....bcb}

Barbara Sheehan Withers | **54-62**

Bill et al, Mirek is not going to be able to come to the reunion in May, but will be coming to Florida in October. In the meantime he has offered to make another donation, I told him to hold up, as he has already made a contribution, it is time for those who have not made one to step up to the plate. If we get to the deadline and still need funds, then we who have already donated can add to it, but let's not do it until we see if any of the others will contribute. If 27 people just gave \$100 each it would reach our goal! I think this fact should go in the next edition....Barbara

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | **50-58** | **Hi Bill et al:**

{I just received a letter in the mail from The Florida State University Foundation, Office of Annual Giving soliciting donations. Included in the four charitable Gift categories is the line, "Please designate my gift to: Gymnastics Legacy Walk" I have been informed that any funds earmarked for the Walk will go to the Stained Glass Windows.....Jack}

Bill & Carol Beavers | **57-61/69-70** | **Dick Cavett, Gymnast**

"Am reading Dick Cavett's latest book Talk Show. I was always a big fan of his as he was quick of wit and very intelligent for a talk show host. Also I had the pleasure of competing with him in the Nebraska State High School Gymnastics Championships for a couple of years. I as a freshman and sophomore, and he as a junior and senior. He won the side horse two years before I did. Some of you will enjoy the following;
Here is an excerpt from his book comparing the pressure of comedy writing on a nightly show to gymnastics;

"The late Steve Allen noted that the more comedy you write, the more you can write. It happened to me. Thrown instantly into the front lines, as I was, of daily writing for Jack Paar on the Tonight Show--a task nothing at Yale prepares you for-- it seemed that each day of the week got a bit easier. Monday hardest, Friday a breeze. Friday's jokes seemed to write themselves. Rust set in on the weekend and, again, Monday wasn't easy.

This might be a nice time to throw in my favorite fact about myself: I was a gold medal pommel horse state gymnastics champion in Nebraska. There, it's out. (Since you ask, I clinched the title with my triple rear dismount.)
And, shamefully perhaps, this means more to me than "three-time Emmy winner." And it's always left out of my introductions, possibly because it is not believed. It was not only the hardest thing I've ever done in my life--nothing else comes close--but it paralleled gag-writing in the sense that what you lost over the weekend was astonishing. A remarkable insight in the difference between being in shape and really being in shape. Dancers know this, too."

Carrie Englert & Curtis Zimmerman | **TTT** | **Special to the Tallahassee Democrat by Bethany Young via Mike Mann**

Carrie Englert Zimmerman is a walking, talking, breathing verb. She is a woman of action.

"Some people think control is a good thing," Zimmerman said. "I think absolute chaos is a fabulous thing. I tell people I'm a plate spinner, and that doesn't have anything to do with lack of organization. It just means I have a lot going on. I want to keep all of the plates spinning and not let any of them crash to the ground."

Zimmerman thrives in challenging environments. She was a contender in the 1976 gymnastics competition of the Olympic Games before segueing to her current career, in which she is now a partner in the largest public relations firm in the state of Florida.

"I draw from my Olympic background every day," Zimmerman said. "I really believe having been trained as an Olympic gymnast reflects in everything that I do the determination, the fact that you never give up and knowing how to work really hard. (These things) made the success of the agency as a whole."

Each year in March, The Oasis Center for Women and Girls recognizes local women who have rewritten history by blazing trails. Trailblazers are honored out of respect for the barriers they have crossed and glass ceilings they have shattered. Oasis is proud to honor Zimmerman as a 2012 Trailblazer.

Although Zimmerman's weeks are frantic and she is successful at what she does professionally, she said she believes that those things would be inconsequential without her family her husband of 32 years, Curtis, and their three sons.

"Truthfully, none of those other things would matter except for the fact that I have a great family life that allows me to balance both a professional side and a family side," she said. Zimmerman takes an innovative approach to leadership.

"People try to tell (other) people that there is a formula to things in life," she said. "There is no formula to anything in life because everybody's circumstances are different. Where everybody starts from is different. Sometimes you can listen to what people have to say and sometimes you have to ignore everything they say because they don't understand who you are, and they don't understand the path you have to take. Zimmerman's words of advice are "Challenge yourself every day. Never be complacent ..." She continues, "If you wake up every day and feel like you're in total control, then you're not doing enough."

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | FSU Sports Information Department

I met briefly with Bob Perrone this morning at the Village Inn on Apalachee Pky after all these

years of exchanging Emails. It ends up we have a lot of mutual acquaintances; he had been with the DOE data center but had left there just about the time I arrived at DOE-OSFA from FAMU. He had a meeting earlier in the morning with FSU's Sports Information Department {SID...bcb} and was en route to Tampa.

He bought with him the attached photo that he had collected from SID along with many others. I had coffee, he had a coke and Apple pie and we had a very pleasant conversation. When we were leaving we went by his car and he showed me what else he had picked up from SID this morning. A large box, the volume somewhere between two and three of those boxes of reams of paper for the office or copier that was almost full of loose photo in a variety of sizes. He also had a paper box full of folders for individuals, each folder included several 8 X 10s, the one he showed me was a football player, the typical action and head shot suitable for a game program. He also had several three inch binders of Track and Field with programs, meet results, and a number of 35mm slides that he had not gone through yet.

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | 50-58 | FSU Visit

At the last minute my wife and I traveled to Tallahassee for Easter to make a surprise visit on our son Chad at FSU. With spring like gorgeous weather we

stayed with Mike Mann and Fran Millians in their lovely home on the Wakulla River. We awoke early predawn to get to the campus, hopefully to see Chad's AirROTC Squad training at Marching Drills held daily at 5:45 a.m. The sun was just coming up on a crisp chilly day and we took a long wandering sight-seeing walk throughout the campus. The oak trees and walkways were beautiful. It was a storybook event as the campus started waking up with Professors walking to their classes sipping coffee. Our first miracle was that we found Chad's parked truck on that huge campus and so we left as note on his window.

On the empty campus we saw dozens of guys and gals dressed in military Caps and Fatigues heading towards the stadium. We followed "stalking discretely" behind studying each one to see if it was our boy Chad. There were four large flights of marchers circling the Stadium. We sat down out of sight on a bench behind a waist high fence in front of the Visitors Offices and across from the Chief Osceola statue in front of which each squad practiced their drills after circling the stadium. Then the second miracle happened. Hopefully still searching for Chad in the group we heard a squad leader shout "Miles, move it up." We both said to each other, "Did you hear that?" We still couldn't tell which of the soon to be soldiers was Chad but it was announced that he was there in that group and we searched each trainee. The groups were dismissed and then disbanded back to the Air Force bldg.

We walked back and sat on Tully Gym steps and watched as he returned to his truck. We walked up to him and he was really shocked to see us. It was the start of three days of fun, Seeing FSU Circus (Which was first class), taking the Wakulla Jungle Queen Tour, Kayaking on the Wakulla River petting Manatees in two of Mike's beautifully hand crafted custom built kayaks, taking walks in the Wakulla Basin woods....and walking the FSU campus. All in all Easter was a once in a lifetime thrill. Those coming to the Reunion should make a trip to the campus...hopefully when we see Todd Hall, the proposed site of our commemorative Stained Glass windows.

Don & Connie Holder | 51-57 | Segway to Easter

"One thing nice about growing old with getting Alzheimer's, you can hide your own Easter Eggs".....Don

Beverley Cude & Bill Beaton | 55-59 | In closing....

2011 jumped to 2012 so quickly, it seems. In just a month we'll meet again at Barbara's and a wonderful time will be had by all, as always! If you haven't made plans yet to be there, there is still time! {...bcb and jmm}